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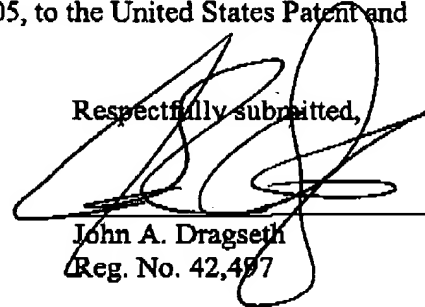
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A computer processor implemented method of effecting a payment intended for a payee from a payor involves receiving at a computer in a payment system a payment request indicating that the payor has authorized payment to the payee. A payment transaction is configured by selecting a payment method for the payor from a first set of payment methods using a payment rule. The selected payment method is independent of a payment method selected for the payee. The payment request is then executed to cause a first payment to be made from the payor and a second payment to be made to the payee.